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1. In late July 1951 troops of the 2 Regiment of the 1 Public Security Division were stationed in Shih-sitang (石圍塘), Liao (廖溪), and Wei-chia-tzu (衛家祠), south of Canton. Headquarters of the 2 Regiment was at the school building of the Canton-Senshui (三水) Railway School. The regiment consisted of 2,500 men with three machine-gun and trench-mortar companies. The troops were equipped with Model No. 79 rifles, carbines, and Thompson sub-machine guns. The regimental commander was KUC Yu-chang (郭友誠).

2. After the artillery battalion of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column was concentrated at Haimachaiang (海美鄉) north of Canton, 12 artillery pieces, 20 guns, and 120 boxes of shells were turned over to the Kwangtung Military District Command which forwarded the ammunition to the 5 Public Security Division now in the Chao-shan (潮山) area.

3. In late June the Communists were actively expanding the public security divisions. Approximately 1,600 draftsmen of Posen (23-35, 23-65), Manshi-tzu (莫石頭) and Houshan (后山) in Canton for training, were being organized into the 15 Public Security Division under Li Kuo-liang (李國良). This division has three regiments and three independent special battalions.

4. All public security units are given breast insignia by the provincial public security department. It is a piece of white cloth with red edges and black lettering, which reads "China People's Liberation Army." The shoulder insignia is in the shape of a shield, with the words "Public Safety" in black, at the top. The two characters are level. At the bottom is written "81 Army of the People's Liberation Army." The base of the shield is blue.

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1. Comment. Presumably the reference is to 1 August, the anniversary of the Chinese Communist Army.

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